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Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application  
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For: **Cable Modem System and Method for Supporting Packet PDU  
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Sir:

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1. Credit Card Payment Form (PTO-2038) in the amount of \$300.00 to cover the \$120.00 one (1) month extension of time fee and the \$180.00 IDS fee;
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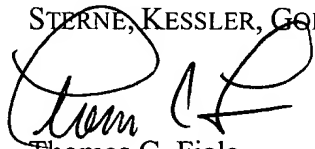
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